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# Transvaginal repair of genital prolapse: preliminary results of a new tension-free vaginal mesh (Prolift™ technique)—a case series multicentric study

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## Abstract

Our goal was to report the preliminary results of a transvaginal mesh repair of genital prolapse using the Prolift™ system. This retrospective multicentric study includes 110 patients. All patients had a stage 3 (at the hymen) or stage 4 (beyond the hymen) prolapse. Total mesh was used in 59 patients (53.6%), an isolated anterior mesh in 22 patients (20%) and an isolated posterior mesh in 29 patients (26.4%). We report one bladder injury sutured at surgery and two haematomas requiring secondary surgical management. At 3 months, 106 patients were available for follow-up. Mesh exposure occurred in five patients (4.7%), two of them requiring a surgical management. Granuloma without exposure occurred in three patients (2.8%). Failure rate (recurrent prolapse even asymptomatic or low grade symptomatic prolapse) was 4.7%. According to the perioperative and immediate post-operative results, Prolift™ repair seems to be a safe technique to correct pelvic organ prolapse. Anatomical and functional results must be assessed with a long-term follow-up to confirm the effectiveness and safety of the procedure.

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